

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will other agricultural farms be a factor to solve the unemployment?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government do not consider that it will solve the problem.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are not the Government aware that it will give employment to a large section of the labourers?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That itself will not solve the question.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is there any conceivable method of giving relief to the unemployed middle class?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government have not come to any conclusion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government kindly explain the statement that the starting of agricultural farms will not solve the problem and what steps the Government have taken,.....

President.—Question time is not for discussion.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are there large tracts of land fit to be taken up for cultivation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The information is given with reference to another question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do the Government intend to utilise these lands for any economic purpose?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—They are being assigned to private persons under certain conditions and they are allowed to use them for cultivation purposes.

Educational Survey.

370. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of aided schools, classes and divisions closed or abolished since the beginning of the present academic year;

(b) the approximate number of teachers thrown out of employment;

(c) the approximate amount of grant saved thereby?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) 24.

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33.

(b) 31.

(c) Rs. 359—10-0 per month.

Filling up of a vacancy of a Sanitary Maistry's post at Trippunittura.

371. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there was a vacancy of a Sanitary Maistry's post in the Medical Department in 1107 at Trippunittura;

(2) if so, were applications from fully qualified Sanitary Inspectors called for;

(3) what was the last date for receiving the applications notified in the Gazette;

(4) how many qualified Sanitary Inspectors applied for the above post before the due date and after the due date;

(5) were the applications from Government servants with Sanitary Inspectors' qualifications; if so, how many;

(6) when was the application received from the Maistry now appointed;

(7) is it not after the due date;

(8) why were not the Government servants already in the service preferred;

(9) among the applicants were there qualified hands in the Government service with experience and who had acted as Sanitary Inspectors; if so, why were they not selected?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes, in the Sanitary Department.

(2) Yes.

(3) 16th Vrischigam 1107.

(4) Before the due date .. 5

After the due date .. 2.

(5) Yes; one,

(6) On 25—4—1931 for a Sanitary Inspector's place and another on 29—4—1107 for the Sanitary Maistry's place.

(7) The second application was received after the due date.

(8) The only applicant from among Government servants was a permanent clerk on Rs. 25—40 and he wanted to get the maximum pay of the appointment of the Sanitary Maistry. As he had already an appointment on a better scale of pay it was not thought necessary to draft him as a maistry and then apply for Government sanction to grant him the maximum pay of the appointment.

(9) Vide answer to sub-division (8).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it the general policy of the Government to wait for more days, till the desired candidate comes up, than the date published in the Gazette, to receive applications?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think there is any insinuation contained in the word 'desired'. Government have no policy of waiting for applications.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why in this case they received an application after 13 days?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—Because the appointment was not made till then.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Do not the Government desire suitable candidates to be appointed?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—What is the insinuation about the words 'desired candidate'?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—The House knows and the Hon'ble Member knows.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there any applications from qualified hands before the date?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—There were four.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why they were not selected then?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—Because the appointment was not made then.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the reason for the delay?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—Because it takes more time.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is there any particular utility of fixing a date for receiving applications?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—So that soon after that date the appointment may be made.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Does it not exclude others also from applying?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the maximum pay of the appointment?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—The maximum pay was Rs. 25.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—On what pay was the newly appointed man started?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—It was simply on the minimum pay.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(8) What is the amount of pay he was actually drawing?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—I want notice.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Whether there were applications from Municipal servants?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—There might have been.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government follow the same principle in future also and receive applications after the date?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—Generally they are considered if they are received before the appointment is actually made.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—How long will it take to make the appointment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It depends upon circumstances.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—So you will take applications after the fixed date?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is generally done.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government think it a good principle to receive applications after the date?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is not much of a principle.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Are not applications generally called for to give equal privileges to all?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there precedents like this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think there must be.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is the Government committed to appoint persons only from the applicants before them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think Government are committed to do that. Even in the matter of tenders Government have the option to reject all the tenders.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Have the Government stated in the advertisement that applications will be received after the due date?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not say that. But it is open to the Government to receive applications and consider them even after a few days, if the appointment is not actually made.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—For the information of the House, I may state that this person had applied for the post an year before and his application was registered for a post in 1931.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Are there not similar applications registered in the office?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes, the cases of all these were considered.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Then there was no necessity to publish the date on which the applications should reach the head of the department.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There would be other applications coming.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What was the necessity to fix a date?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There was no necessity in the case of this particular man. His present application was not considered. But his old application was considered.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is usual to call for further applications.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Why should you fix the date if you are not going to stick up to it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Generally the date is fixed so that the matter may be expedited.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The man wanted to get the maximum pay and the maximum pay is Rs. 25. It is further said that he is already a clerk on Rs. 25—40. The man will be drawing at least Rs. 25 and what he wanted was Rs. 25. Where was the difficulty in granting this request?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Sanitary Department cannot pay the maximum without sanction. So they thought that they will start with the minimum.

Applications for Sanitary Inspectors' posts.

372. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many applications from Government servants for the post of Sanitary Inspectors were received when the Health Department was constituted recently; the names with period of service of each may be given; how much experience has each applicant got as Sanitary Inspector in the Cochin State either in the Municipality or Government;

(2) In selecting the Inspectors have the Government considered the service under Government or the experience as Sanitary Inspector in the State as a claim;

(3) how much Government service have the Sanitary Inspectors now appointed got;

(4) how much experience as Sanitary Inspector has each got in the State;

(5) how much service Mr. I. Radhakrishna Menon, Sanitary Inspector at Tippunittura, has put under the Government;

(6) what was his pay before and after his appointment as Sanitary Inspector;

(7) were there not applications from Government servants with more service, higher pay and equal qualifications;

(8) what is the reason for giving him preference?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Six. Vide statement appended. *Appendix II (a).*

(2) Service and experience of the same kind were considered in making the appointments.

(3) and (4) Vide statement appended. *Appendix II (b).*

(5) About one year.

(6) Pay before appointment Rs. 20 plus Rs. 10 duty allowance.

Pay after appointment Rs. 40.